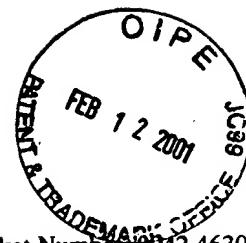


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Yes No

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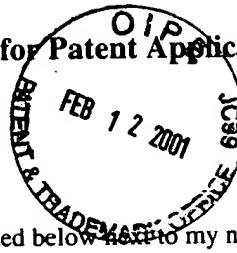
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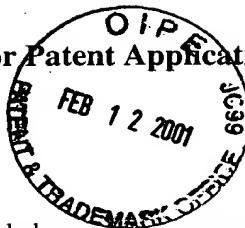
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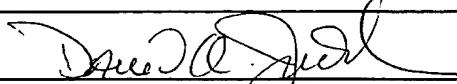
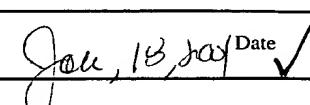
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Invitrogen Corporation, a corporation of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 1600 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on Jan 18 and 23, 2001 of an invention known as Metal Binding Compounds and Their Use in Cell Culture Medium Compositions (Attorney Docket No. 0942.4630001/RWE/BJD), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventor(s) David A. EPSTEIN, Paul J. BATTISTA, Dale F. GRUBER, and David A. JUDD (said application filed on August 28, 2000 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number 09/650,339). RUE
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The Assignee hereby appoints the following U.S. attorneys to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Robert Greene Sterne, Esq., Reg. No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esq., Reg. No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esq., Reg. No. 29,021; Samuel L. Fox, Esq., Reg. No. 30,353; David K.S. Cornwell, Esq., Reg. No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esq., Reg. No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esq., Reg. No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esq., Reg. No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esq., Reg. No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esq., Reg. No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esq., Reg. No. 36,688; Michael Q. Lee, Esq., Reg. No. 35,239; Steven R. Ludwig, Esq., Reg. No. 36,203; John M. Covert, Esq., Reg. No. 38,759; and Linda E. Alcorn, Esq., Reg. No. 39,588. The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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DATE: 1/25/2001



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Applicant/Patent Owner: David A. EPSTEIN, Paul J. BATTISTA, Dale F. GRUBER, and David A. JUDD

Application No./Patent No.: 09/650,339 Filed/Issue Date: August 28, 2000

Entitled: Metal Binding Compounds and Their Use in Cell Culture Medium Compositions

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Name: Alan W. Hammond

Title: Chief Intellectual Property Counsel

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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned inventor(s): David A. EPSTEIN, Paul J. BATTISTA, Dale F. GRUBER, and David A. JUDD, the undersigned inventor(s) hereby sell(s) and assign(s) to Invitrogen Corporation (the Assignee) his/her entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for past infringement and to collect for all past, present and future damages:

check applicable box(es) for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100),
 and throughout the world,

(a) in the invention(s) known as Metal Binding Compounds and Their Use in Cell Culture Medium Compositions for which application(s) for patent in the United States of America has (have) been executed by the undersigned on January 23, 2001 and Jan 18, 2001 (also known as United States Application No. 09/650,339, filed August 28, 2000), in any and all applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent(s) therefor, and

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(b) in any and all applications that claim the benefit of the patent application listed above in part (a), including continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of the patent application or Letters Patent therefor listed above in part (a), to the full extent of the term or terms for which Letters Patents issue, and

(c) in any and all inventions described in the patent application listed above in part (a), and in any and all forms of intellectual and industrial property protection derivable from such patent application, and that are derivable from any and all continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of such patent application, including, without limitation, patents, applications, utility models, inventor's certificates, and designs together with the right to file applications therefor; and including the right to claim the same priority rights from any previously filed applications under the International Agreement for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement, or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable;

all such rights, title and interest to be held and enjoyed by the above-named Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns to the same extent as all such rights, title and interest would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made.

The undersigned inventor(s) agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application(s) and any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding application(s) thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such application(s) as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned inventor(s) agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference or patent enforcement action (judicial or otherwise) related to the application(s) or any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue or reexamination application(s) thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference or patent enforcement action.

The undersigned inventor(s) hereby represent(s) that he/she has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he/she has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

The undersigned inventor(s) hereby grant(s) Robert Greene Sterne, Esquire, Registration No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esquire, Registration No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esquire, Registration No. 29,021; Samuel L. Fox, Esquire, Registration No. 30,353; David K.S. Cornwell, Esquire, Registration No. 31,944; Robert W.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, executed by the undersigned inventor(s) on the date opposite his/her name.

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